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Hiroyuki Kinoshita et al.

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Laser Diode Using the Same for Substrate, and Method for

Manufacturing the Same

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 11, 1999, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group I, 1-8. Please cancel claims 9-16 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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